

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed October 19, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 31, 51 through 66, and 75 through 84 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 through 3, 9, 15, and 16 stand rejected. Claims 4 through 8 and 10 through 14 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but the indication of allowable subject matter in such claims is noted with appreciation. Claims 17 through 31, 51 through 66, and 75 through 84 have been allowed. Applicant has amended claims 2, 3, 15 and 16 to change the dependency thereof, cancelled claims 1 and 4 through 14, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

Obviousness Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 5,609,889 to Weber in view of Steijer et al. and Rano, Jr. et al.

Claims 1 through 3, 9, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber (U.S. Patent No. 5,609,889) in view of Steijer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,985,185) and Rano, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,286,426). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, as hereinafter set forth.

Independent claim 1 and dependent claim 9 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 have each been amended to depend from claim 75, which has been allowed. Therefore, dependent claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Objections to Claims 4 through 8 and 10 through 14/Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4 through 8 and 10 through 14 stand objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but are indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if placed in appropriate independent form.

Claims 4 through 8 and 10 through 14 have been cancelled.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to dependent claims 2, 3, 15, and 16 above should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application. The amendments merely alter the dependency of the claims, from cancelled independent claim 1 to allowed independent claim 75.

CONCLUSION

Claims 2, 3, 15, 16, 17-31, 51 through 66, and 75 through 84 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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